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SUBJ: IRISH ATTITUDES TOWARDS AGRICULTURE IN THE TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS: THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN AMB GREENWALD AND MARK
CLINTON, IRISH MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE

1. DURING MEETING, JULY 27, WITH IRISH AGRICULTURE MINISTER,
MARK CLINTON, AMB GREENWALD REVIEWED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHES TO THE MEANINGFUL INCLUSION OF
AGRICULTURE IN THE COMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. HE
NOTED THAT IT WAS NOT USG POLICY TO DESTROY THE CAP, BUT
SUGGESTED THAT THERE WERE MANY AREAS IN WHICH GREATER RATIONALIZATION
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COULD BE ACHIEVED THAT WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEIFICIAL TO BOTH

PARTIES. NOTING THAT IRELAND HAD A NATURAL ADVANTAGE IN THE PRODUCTION OF LIVESTOCK, AMB GREENWALD SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE IRISH INTEREST TO PRESS FOR LOW GRAIN PRICES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

2. AGREEING THAT, AT FIRST GLANCE, IT APPEARED LOWER GRAIN PRICES MIGHT BE IN THE IRISH INTEREST, MINISTER CLINTON INQUIRED WHAT SORT OF QUID PRO QUO THE IRISH GOVERNMENT COULD EXPECT FROM THE USG. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED WHAT WE COULD GIVE IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR THAT WOULD BENEFIT IRELAND. HE NOTED THAT THE PRICE OF MEAT IN THE U.S. WAS PRESENTLY SO LOW THAT PARTICULAR MARKET WAS NOT OF INTEREST TO IRISH EXPORTERS WHO TRADITIONALLY HAD FOUGHT HARD TO OBTAIN A MEAT QUOTA. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IF IRELAND WERE TO INCREASE ITS MEAT PRODUCTION, UPON THE BASIS OF LOWER GRAIN PRICES, ONE OF THE BY-PRODUCTS WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN DAIRY PRODUCTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT IMPROVED ACCESS FOR IRISH BUTTERFAT PRODUCTS WOULD BE VERY MUCH IN THE IRISH INTEREST.

3. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD REPLIED THAT REAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS MATTER WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SOME TIME, WE STILL HAD TO GET OUR TRADE LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESS, AND AT THIS POINT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO CONCRETE PROPOSALS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS THE KIND OF TRADE-OFF THAT WE HOPE WILL BE POSED AND EXAMINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATION. HE ENCOURAGED THE IRISH TO DO FURTHER THINKING ON BENEFITS THAT MIGHT BE DERIVED FROM OTHER MUTUAL CONCESSIONS IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

4. TURNING TO THE SOYBEAN SITUATION, THE MINISTER NOTED WRYLY THAT SOME OF IRELAND'S FRIENDS IN THE COMMON MARKET HAD SUGGESTED THE U.S. WAS NOT A RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND IT MIGHT BE WISE TO ENLARGE CONTINENTAL PRODUCTION SO AS MORE ADEQUATELY TO SECURE PROTEIN SUPPLIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. AMBASSADOR GREENWALD REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAD COMBINED TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SOYBEAN SHORTAGE AND NOTED THAT THE ADDITIONAL ARABLE LAND BEING BROUGHT INTO PRODUCTION THIS YEAR AND NEXT IN THE U.S. WAS ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO THE TOTAL ARABLE LAND IN FRANCE AND GERMANY. HE ALLOWED THAT THIS WAS VERY LIKELY TO TAKE CARE OF ANY SHORTAGE FOR SOME TIME, EVEN IF BOTH RUSSIA AND CHINA CONTINUED TO BE SIGNIFICANT BUYERS OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.
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5. MINISTER CLINTON AGREED THAT THIS WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE SHORTAGE BUT OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS THE SORT OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY THAT FRIGHTENED EUROPEANS AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO DEVISE PROTECTIVE DEVICES.

6. THIS MESSAGE WAS DRAFTED AFTER AMB GREENWALD'S DEPARTURE AND NOT CLEARED WITH HIM. MOORE

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